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Dear David,

## **RE: North Wales Regional Transport Plan**

We write to provide our initial comments on the emerging North Wales Regional Transport Plan and advise how the Design Commission can provide further support following our recent introductory meeting with all the Corporate Joint Committees and Welsh Government.

The draft Regional Transport Plan (RTP) seeks to establish a strategy that aligns with the national transport strategy, Llwybr Newydd, and has positive messages around promoting sustainable transport and aligning this with growth and development.

We welcome how the draft RTP has developed the general objectives of the national transport strategy into geographically specific policies and aspirations for the region. There is scope for the RTP to be developed further and we encourage you to consider a place-based approach that addresses the spatial issues, opportunities and policies as a package of measures, rather than being presented in topic-based categories.

The Sustainable Transport Hierarchy should have a strong thread throughout the RTP and all the policies and projects should be clearly aligned with the hierarchy and the goal of creating sustainable places.

We welcome how the draft RTP starts to align regional transport planning with land use planning. The policies aimed at promoting transit-orientated development and breaking private car dependency through sustainable development are very much welcomed. Developing these further in the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) will be important.

We encourage the use of the Placemaking Wales Charter as a tool for place-based analysis and strategy in the RTP and SDP.

The Design Commission can provide support for regional planning with in-person workshops. We encourage early engagement to maximise the potential benefits. Please contact my colleague, Max Hampton, to discuss further – [max.hampton@dcfw.org](mailto:max.hampton@dcfw.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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